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Meeting Date: February 13, 2014

HISTORIC DISTRICT: Germantown HPO File No. 140204

Owner: Paige H. Kovar Applicant: Same as owner

Date Application Accepted: 1/29/2014 90-day Waiver: N/A

SITE INFORMATION:

Tract 6, Block 1, Highland Subdivision, City of Houston, Harris County, Texas. The site includes a 1,190 square foot residence situated on a 5,100 square foot lot.

TYPE OF APPROVAL REQUESTED: Alteration - Addition to the rear of the one-story contributing residence.

The applicant proposes to construct a rear addition to a one-story contributing residence and restore existing wood siding that is currently underneath vinyl siding. Windows and porch elements will also be repaired. A new carport will be constructed at the rear of the property (agenda item II.b).

Project Details:

- Shape / Mass: The historic residence massing measures approximately 29' wide, 44' deep and 20' tall. The
 addition will begin at the rear wall, flush with the west side elevation and will be 17' wide, 23' deep and 17' tall.
- Setbacks: The addition will match the existing west side property line setback at approximately 11', and will be setback from the rear (south) property line approximately 10'.
- Roof: The addition will feature a hip roof with a 6/12 pitch to match the existing. The peak height of the
 addition will be approximately 3' lower than the ridge height of the historic residence. The roof will be clad in
 composition roof tiles.
- Exterior Materials: The original horizontal wood siding is currently covered by vinyl siding. The vinyl siding will
 be removed and original wood siding restored. The lower wood skirt courses are damaged beyond repair and
 will be removed and replaced with new horizontal cementitious siding to match the original skirt reveal. The
 addition will be clad in cementitious siding and a vertical cementitious trim board will delineate the original
 structure and addition on the west elevation
- Window / Doors: The non-original front entry door will be removed and replaced with a new paneled door with divided lite uppers. All original wood windows are to be removed, repaired and reinstalled in the same location. Three original wood windows located on the existing rear wall will be removed and reused at the east elevation of the addition. No other original windows of the historic residence will be altered.
- Foundation: The foundation will be leveled and repaired. The finished floor height will remain the same.

Elevation Details:

 North Elevation (front facing Payne): Front porch elements will be repaired or replaced in-kind where damaged beyond repair. The non-original front door will be replaced; see Window/Door section above.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

HAHC ACTION: Approval

BASIS FOR ISSUANCE: HAHC Approval EFFECTIVE: February 13, 2014

Planning Official Date

This Certificate of Appropriateness is valid for one year from its effective date.

This Certificate is in addition to any permits or approvals that are required by municipal, state and federal law.

Your plans must be stamped by Historic Preservation Office staff prior to submittal to permitting. Call 713-837-7963 to set up an appointment.

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East Elevation (facing side property line): The existing rear porch will be enclosed and incorporated into the
new addition. The new portion of the addition will be set-in approximately 10' from the existing east elevation
and will not be visible from the public right-of-way on this side. The elevation will feature three original
windows, reused from the removed rear walls of the historic residence.

- West Elevation (facing side property line): The addition will be flush with the existing west wall. The existing
 roof will be extended and the addition will feature no fenestration details. The visibility of the addition will be
 minimal due to an existing side projecting bay located at the center of the west wall of the historic residence.
- South Elevation (facing rear property line): Not visible from the public right-of-way; see drawings for details.

HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE:

The property is contained within the boundary of the Germantown Historic District. At the time of the district survey, the one-story bungalow, constructed circa 1922, was classified as 'contributing' to the district.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment received.

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APPROVAL CRITERIA

Sec. 33-241(a). EXTERIOR ALTERATION, REHABILITATION, RESTORATION AND ADDITION

HAHC shall issue a certificate of appropriateness for the alteration, rehabilitation, restoration or addition of an exterior feature of (i) any landmark or protected landmark, (ii) any building, structure or object that is contributing to an historic district, or (iii) any building, structure or object that is part of an archaeological site, upon finding that the application satisfies the following criteria, as applicable:

S	D	NA		S - satisfies D - does not satisfy NA - not applicable
\boxtimes			(1)	The proposed activity must retain and preserve the historical character of the property;
			(2)	The proposed activity must contribute to the continued availability of the property for a contemporary use;
			(3)	The proposed activity must recognize the building, structure, object or site as a product of its own time and avoid alterations that seek to create an earlier or later appearance;
			(4)	The proposed activity must preserve the distinguishing qualities or character of the building, structure, object or site and its environment;
			(5)	The proposed activity must maintain or replicate distinctive stylistic exterior features or examples of skilled craftsmanship that characterize the building, structure, object or site;
\boxtimes			(6)	New materials to be used for any exterior feature excluding what is visible from public alleys must be visually compatible with, but not necessarily the same as, the materials being replaced in form, design, texture, dimension and scale;
			(7)	The proposed replacement of missing exterior features, if any, should be based on an accurate duplication of features, substantiated by available historical, physical or pictorial evidence, where that evidence is available, rather than on conjectural designs or the availability of different architectural elements from other structures;
			(8)	Proposed additions or alterations must be done in a manner that, if removed in the future, would leave unimpaired the essential form and integrity of the building, structure, object or site;
\boxtimes			(9)	The proposed design for any exterior alterations or addition must not destroy significant historical, architectural or cultural material and must be compatible with the size, scale, material and character of the property and the area in which it is located;
			(10)	The setback of any proposed construction or alteration must be compatible with existing setbacks along the blockface and facing blockface(s);
		\boxtimes	(11)	The proposed activity will comply with any applicable deed restrictions.
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				In accordance with Sec. 33-276, the proposed activity must comply with the City Council Approved Germantown Design Guidelines.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of the COA				

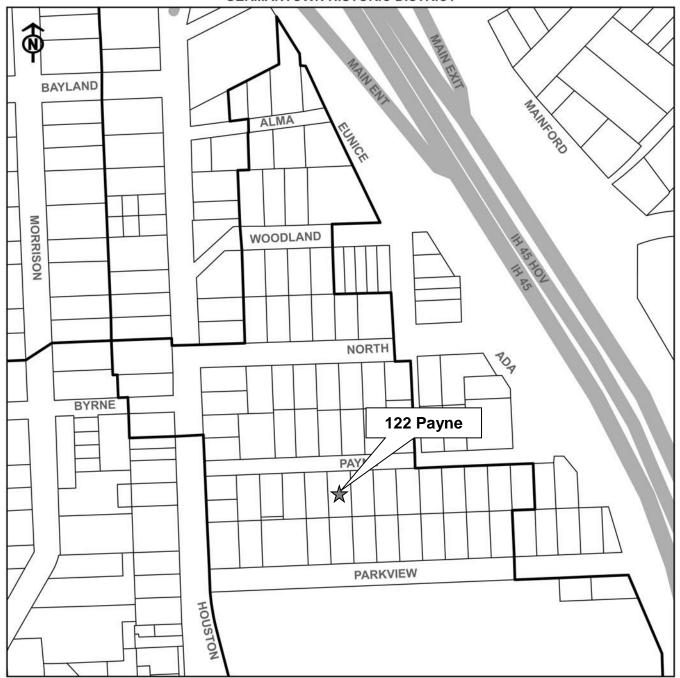
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Site Location Map

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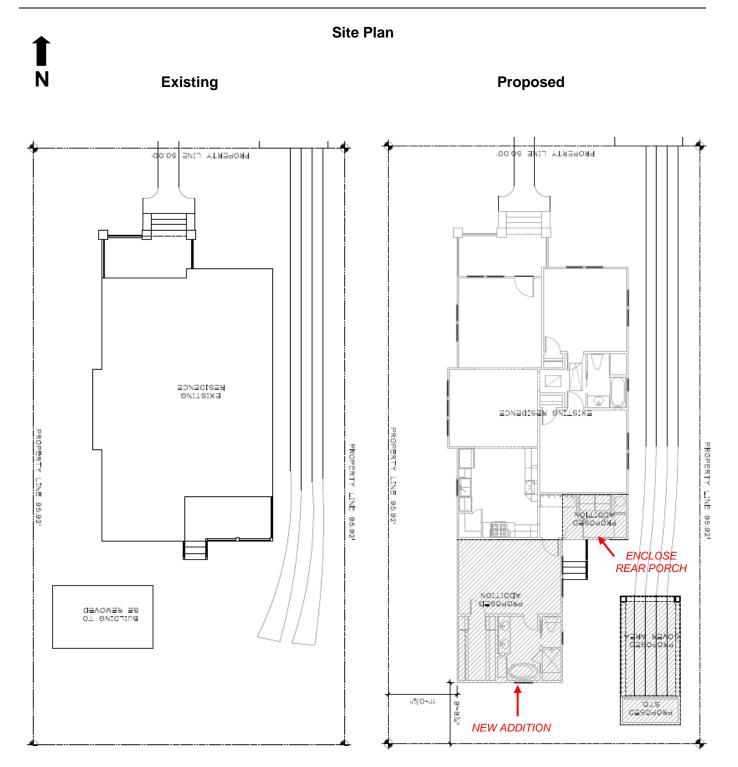
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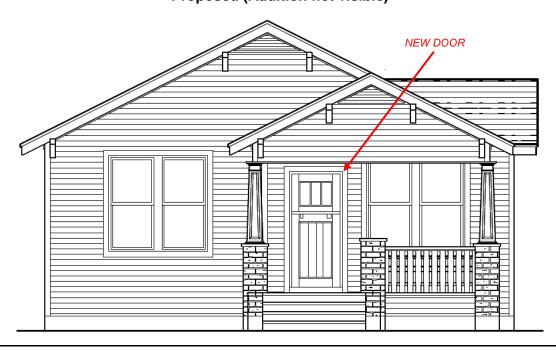
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North Elevation (front facing Payne) Existing



Proposed (Addition not visible)



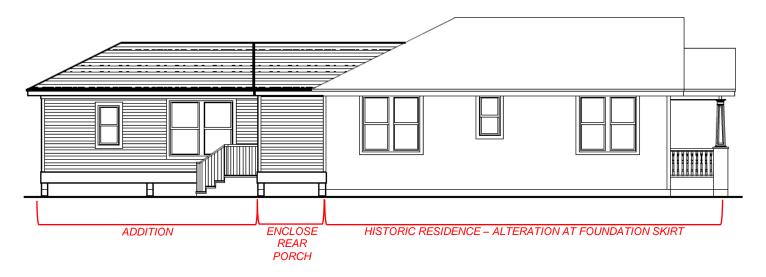
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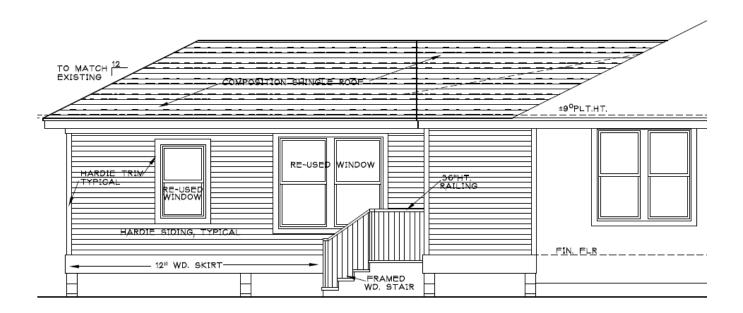
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East Side Elevation



East Elevation – Addition Detail



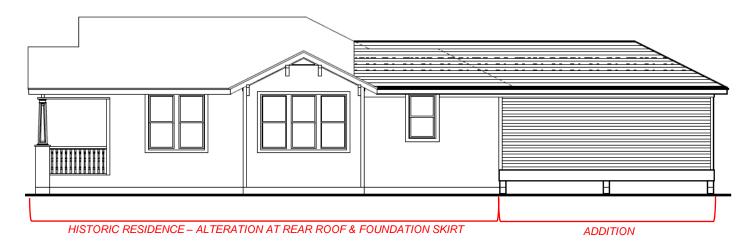
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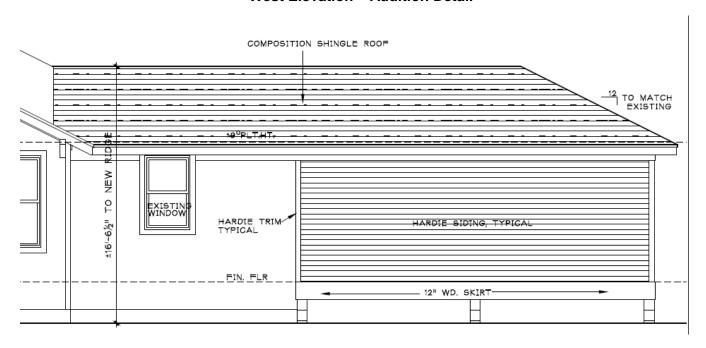
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West Side Elevation



West Elevation - Addition Detail



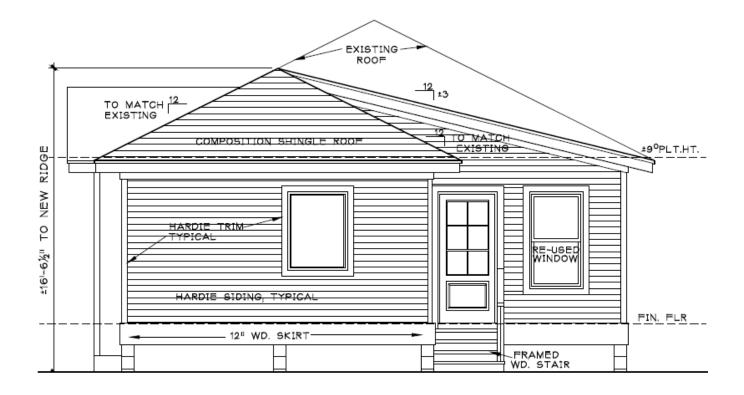
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South Elevation (facing rear property line)



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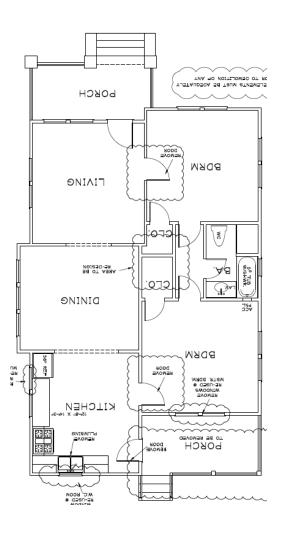
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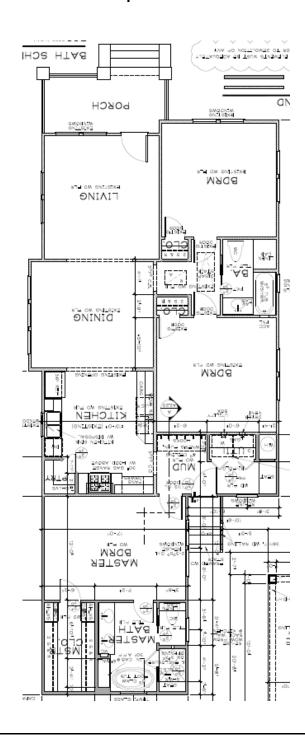
Floor Plan



Existing



Proposed



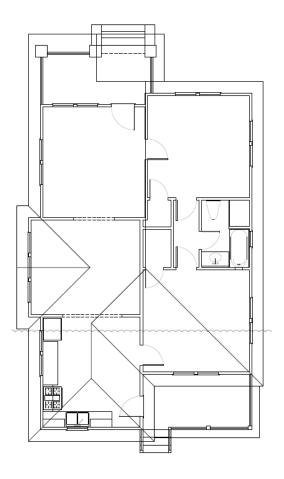
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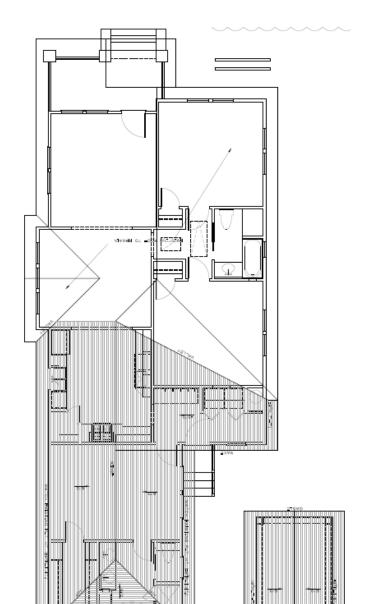
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Roof Plan

Existing





Proposed